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## Joint Committee on Finance

## MEMORANDUM

To:

Members

Joint Committee on Finance

From:

Senator Howard Marklein

Representative Mark Born

Date:

September 1, 2021

Re:

s. 16.515/16.505(2), Stats. Request

Attached is a copy of a request from the Department of Administration, received September 1, 2021, pursuant to s. 16.515/16.505(2), Stats., on behalf of the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Marklein** or **Representative Born** no later than **Tuesday, September 21, 2021**, if you have any concerns about the request or if you would like the Committee to meet formally to consider it.

Also, please contact us if you need further information.

**Attachments** 

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# STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Tony Evers, Governor Joel Brennan, Secretary

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Date:

September 1, 2021

To:

The Honorable Howard Marklein, Co-Chair

Joint Committee on Finance

The Honorable Mark Born, Co-Chair

Joint Committee on Finance

From:

Joel T. Brennan, Secretary

Department of Administration

**Subject:** s. 16.515/16.505(2) Request(s)

Enclosed are request(s) that have been approved by this department under the authority granted in s. 16.515 and s. 16.505(2). The explanation for each request is included in the attached materials. Listed below is a summary of each item:

		2021-22	<u>2021-22</u>		<u>:3</u>
<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	FTE
DAs 20.475(1)(h)	Gifts and grants	\$0	2.0*	\$0	2.0*

<sup>\*</sup>Project positions ending 9/30/2022.

As provided in s. 16.515, the request(s) will be approved on <u>September 23, 2021</u>, unless we are notified prior to that time that the Joint Committee on Finance wishes to meet in formal session about any of the requests.

Please contact Kirsten Grinde at 266-1353, or the analyst who reviewed the request in the Division of Executive Budget and Finance, if you have any additional questions.

Attachments

Date:

August 31, 2021

To:

Brian Pahnke

From:

Maggie Hamer

Subject:

Section 16.505(2) Request

Attached is a s. 16.505(2) request analysis for your approval and processing. Listed below is a summary of each item:

## DOA RECOMMENDATION:

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*Positions ending 09/30/2022						

## AGENCY REQUEST:

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DAs 20.475(1)(h)	Gifts and grants		2.0*		2.0*	

<sup>\*</sup>Positions ending 09/30/2022.

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# STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Tony Evers, Governor Joel Brennan, Secretary Brian Pahnke, Administrator

Date:

August 31, 2021

To:

Joel Brennan, Secretary

Department of Administration

From:

Maggie Hamer

Executive Policy and Budget Analyst

Subject:

Request Under s. 16.505(2) from the Milwaukee County District Attorney for the

Extension of 2.0 FTE Program Revenue Assistant District Attorney Project

Positions.

#### Request:

The Department of Administration, on behalf of the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, requests the extension 2.0 FTE program revenue assistant district attorney project positions for a term extending from October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022.

## Revenue Sources for Appropriation(s):

The revenue source for the position in the gifts and grants appropriation under s. 20.475(1)(h) is a grant to Milwaukee County from the Wisconsin Department of Justice via the federal Project Safe Neighborhoods program administered by the U.S. Department of Justice. The county, in turn, provides the grant money to the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office. As the grant is funded from a program revenue, continuing, all moneys received appropriation, there is no accompanying request for an increase in expenditure authority. The Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office would reimburse the salary and fringe benefit costs for the assistant district attorney prosecutor positions from the grant award.

## Background:

On June 22, 2021, the Wisconsin Department of Justice awarded \$174,282 to support the extension of two Project Safe Neighborhoods prosecutor positions. Project Safe Neighborhoods is a nationwide program that works to reduce gun and gang crime throughout the country by networking existing local programs that target gang and gun crime and providing these programs with additional tools to help increase success.

Milwaukee County applied for a Project Safe Neighborhoods grant in April 2020, to reduce the level of firearm-related violence through the creation of two dedicated prosecutor positions. The city of Milwaukee has consistently reported a violent crime rate that is higher than the national average. Progress was made in 2017 and 2018 as the violent crime rate fell in both years. Additionally, the number of reported homicides and nonfatal shootings in the city of Milwaukee dropped in 2019. However, in 2020, the homicide and nonfatal shooting numbers spiked enormously, and the 2021 numbers are on track to be even higher. These prosecutors

Joel Brennan, Secretary Page 2 August 31, 2021

would work to reverse the increasing numbers of homicides and nonfatal shootings. The grant period extends from June 1, 2021, through September 30, 2023.

## Analysis:

The city of Milwaukee has consistently had a reported violent crime rate that exceeds the national average. This is coupled with 2021 homicide and nonfatal shootings occurring at a pace that indicates a significant increase over the past several years. The Project Safe Neighborhoods prosecutor positions would work to reduce the violent crime rate, homicide rate and nonfatal shooting rate in a collaborative way. The attorneys provide mentorship and training for law enforcement officers; assist with information sharing and the development and implementation of violence reduction strategies; and attend intelligence, investigative and information sharing meetings with many criminal justice partners, including the local police as well as state and federal law enforcement personnel.

Over the past year, the Project Safe Neighborhoods attorneys worked in six target neighborhoods to reduce gun violence. Should these positions be extended, they would no longer be restricted to a specific geographic region but would be able to work on cases involving violent offenses and offenders throughout the city.

The overall goal of the Project Safe Neighborhood prosecutor program is the reduction of firearm and gang/crew violence in the city of Milwaukee. The primary objectives would be:

- Increase support of law enforcement investigations into nonfatal shootings and related offenses and offenders and into gang/crew activity; and
- Increase the capacity to prosecute nonfatal shootings and related offenses and offenders and gang/crew members involved in that activity.

Ideally, meeting these objectives would lead to more successful prosecutions, fewer incidences of firearm-related violence and ultimately, greater community safety.

Milwaukee County was awarded a total of \$174,282 to support the two positions. This would include approximately \$116,000 for salary and \$52,200 for fringe benefits. It is projected that this would be sufficient to carry two prosecutors from October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022. The funds for these positions would be monitored closely and should a shortfall occur, the positions would be vacated.

These positions are in furtherance of the state's policy to reduce firearm-related violence. The grant encourages collaboration between the District Attorney's Office, the United States Attorney's Office, as well as federal, state and local law enforcement to reduce firearm violence in Milwaukee County.

## Recommendation:

Approve the request.



# STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Tony Evers, Governor Joel Brennan, Secretary Jana Steinmetz, Administrator

DATE:

August 6, 2021

TO:

Brian Pahnke, Administrator

Division of Executive Budget and Finance

FROM:

Kasey Deiss, Director

State Prosecutors Office

SUBJECT:

REQUEST UNDER S. 16.505 FOR DEPARTMENT 475: MILWAUKEE

COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

On behalf of the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, I am submitting the attached request for authorization to extend 2.0 FTE program revenue project positions in Department 475, District Attorneys.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Attachment

## DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION REQUEST UNDER S. 16.505 FOR POSITION AUTHORIZATION

## I. REQUEST

The Department of Administration (DOA) requests, under s.16.505, the extension of 2.0 FTE program revenue (PR) assistant district attorney (ADA) project positions from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. The positions are in the Milwaukee County District Attorney's (DA's) Office. If approved, these positions will be funded via appropriation s. 20.475(1)(h).

#### II. BACKGROUND

On July 21, 2020 the Joint Committee on Finance authorized two Program Revenue project positions for the Milwaukee County District Attorney after the DA office competed for and was awarded funding via the federal Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN) program. The Wisconsin Department of Justice (grant administrator) awarded Milwaukee County the sum of \$175,078 in support of the creation of these two Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN)Prosecutor positions. As anticipated in last year's request to JCF, the Milwaukee County DA office applied and was awarded a second year of funding from the PSN program. Funding has been secured for year two of the program in the amount of \$174,282. Of that \$116,000 will be allocated to salary, with \$52,200 allocated to fringe and other payroll expenses. The Milwaukee County DA office calculates that this award will be sufficient to fund two prosecutors from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022.

Project Safe Neighborhoods is a nationwide commitment to reduce gun and gang crime in America by networking existing local programs that target gang and gun crime and by providing these programs with additional tools necessary to be successful. The City of Milwaukee has consistently experienced a reported violent crime rate in excess of the national average. That rate fell in both 2017 and 2018, and the number of reported homicides and non-fatal shootings in the City of Milwaukee dropped in 2019; however, the homicide rate in 2020 surged to 189 deaths, nearly double the 98 deaths reported in 2019.

The Milwaukee County District Attorney will continue to utilize these PSN positions to address needs in a innovative and collaborative way. The PSN prosecutors will work closely with Victim Witness Advocates funded both by the county and by other DOJ grants for the purpose of enhancing victim relations and improving victim cooperation in criminal justice proceedings. The prosecutors will attend intelligence, investigative, and information-sharing meetings with MPD, state and federal partners, and violent crime reduction task forces, in order to help identify (1) gang and crew members who are involved in shootings and related offenses; and (2) shootings and related offenses which are perpetrated by gang and crew members.

The PSN ADAs will also assist law enforcement in investigations into shootings and related offenses and offenders, and they will review referrals and prosecute cases involving shootings and related offenses and offenders, and gang/crew members who are involved in gun violence. Unlike

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last year's grant funded prosecutors, there will no longer be geographical restrictions placed on the prosecutors and they may target crime wherever it occurs in the City of Milwaukee. The goal of this program is the reduction of firearm and gang/crew related violence in the City of Milwaukee.

## III. ANALYSIS

This position is in furtherance of the State's policy to reduce activity related to firearm-related violence. The grant encourages collaboration between the District Attorney's Office, the US Attorney's office as well as federal, state and local law enforcement to reduce firearm violence in Milwaukee County.

#### IV. FISCAL ANALYSIS

The \$174,282 will be allocated to prosecutor salary, fringe, payroll and associated expenses. Funding is provided via federal grant and disbursed by the Wisconsin Department of Justice. The funding is sufficient to carry two prosecutors from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. Available funding and authorizations will be closely monitored, and the position will be vacated if a funding shortfall occurs.

#### V. REVENUE SOURCE FOR APPROPRIATION

The source of the grant funds is the Wisconsin Department of Justice through the federal Project Safe Neighborhoods Program (2020), administered by the U.S. Department of Justice (USDOJ) - Office of Justice Programs - Bureau of Justice Assistance. Project Safe Neighborhoods is a nationwide initiative that brings together federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement officials, prosecutors, and community leaders to identify the most pressing violent crime problems in a community and develop comprehensive solutions to address them.

Milwaukee County will utilize the grant funding to reimburse the salary and fringe benefit costs, as well as the prosecutor's state standard laptop computer and software, for the State-paid ADA position in the Department of District Attorneys.

#### VI. SPECIAL INFORMATION

The co-chairs of the Joint Committee on Finance, in a letter to Department of Administration Secretary dated June 12, 1996, set forth four additional items of information that should be included in a s.16.505 request for additional positions in the District Attorney program.

1) An explanation of the effect of the positions on weighted caseload for the requesting counties (the LAB methodology is suggested).

Table 1 indicates the LAB methodology's results using the modifications recommended by the Wisconsin District Attorneys Association and highlights the impact on the Milwaukee DA Office. The table uses the most current court data available, and the positions authorized as of August 9, 2020. It is important to note that the position need shown in the LAB methodology is a general need responding to all duties of a DA office and is not specific to a

particular type of criminal activity or caseload.

2) An assessment of similar caseload problems in counties not addressed by the request.

Data with which to make this assessment are not available.

3) An explanation of why the request has greater priority than similar needs existing in other counties.

The Wisconsin Department of Justice awarded this grant to the Milwaukee County DA's office.

4) If the request is intended to address a specific type of caseload, an explanation of why this type of caseload has a greater priority than other types.

This grant, funded through the federal Project Safe Neighborhoods (2019), is intended to combat firearm violence and prosecute gang activity in Milwaukee County.

#### FINAL 2017-2019 DISTRICT ATTORNEY OFFICE WORKLOAD ANALYSIS

As of August, 2020									
DA Office	GPR- Funded FTE Positions	Program Revenue- Funded Permane nt FTE Positions*	Total FTE Permane nt Positions*	Addition al FTE Needed	Estimate d Total FTE Needed	Additiona I FTE Needed as a % of GPR- Funded FTE	Addition al FTE Needed as a % of Total FTE	GPR- Funded FTE as a % of Estimate d Total FTE Needed	Total FTE as a % of Estimate d Total FTE Needed
Adams	2.00		2.00	0.82	2.82	41%	41%	71%	71%
Ashland	2,60		2.60	0.73	3.33	28%	28%	78%	78%
Barron	4.00		4.00	88.0	4.88	22%	22%	82%	82%
Bayfield	1.70		1.70	-0.35	1.35	-21%	-21%	126%	126%
Brown	15.00	1.00	16.00	9.64	25.64	64%	60%	59%	62%
Buffalo	1.20		1.20	1.00	2.20	83%	83%	55%	55%
Burnett	2.00		2.00	1.74	3.74	87%	87%	53%	53%
Calumet	3.00		3.00	0.69	3.69	23%	23%	81%	81%_
Chippewa	6,00		6.00	2.14	8.14	36%	36%	74%	74%
Clark	2.00		2.00	0.18	2.18	9%	9%	92%	92%
Columbia	5.00		5,00	3,09	8.09	62%	62%	62%	62%
Crawford	1.00		1.00	0.33	1.33	33%	33%	75%	75%
Dane	28.00	2.00	30.00	5.61	35.61	20%	19%	79%	84%
Dodge	5.00		5.00	0.77	5.77	15%	15%	87%	87%
Door	2.00		2.00	0.51	2.51	26%	26%	80%	80%
Douglas	5.00		5.00	2.29	7,29	46%	46%	69%	69%
Dunn	5.00		5.00	1.83	6.83	37%	37%	73%	73%
Eau Claire	10.00	1.00	11.00	7.03	18.03	70%	64%	55%	61%
Florence Fond du	0.60		0.60	-0.16	0.44	-27%	-27%	136%	136%
Lac	7.00	1.00	8.00	4.30	12.30	61%	54%	57%	65%
Forest	2.00		2.00	-0.12	1.88	-6%	-6%	106%	106%
Grant	2.00		2.00	1.60	3.60	80%	80%	56%	56%
Green Green	2.60		2.60	0.23	2.83	9%	9%	92%	92%
Lake	2.00		2.00	0.73	2.73	37%	37%	73%	73%
lowa	2.00		2.00	1,26	3.26	63%	63%	61%	61%

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Iron	1.00		1.00	-0,08	0,92	-8%	-8%	109%	109%
Jackson	3,00		3,00	0,72	3.72	24%	24%	81%	81%
Jefferson	6.00		6,00	1,20	7,20	20%	20%	83%	83%
Juneau	3,00		3.00	0.76	3.76	25%	25%	80%	80%
Kenosha	16,00	1.00	17.00	6.03	23.03	38%	35%	69%	74%
Kewaunee	1.50		1.50	-0.25	1.25	-17%	-17%	120%	120%
La Crosse	10.00		10.00	4.30	14.30	43%	43%	70%	70%
Lafayette	1.00		1,00	0.55	1,55	55%	55%	65%	65%
Langlade	2.50		2.50	1.07	3.57	43%	43%	70%	70%
Lincoln	3.00		3.00	0.51	3.51	17%	17%	85%	85%
Manitowoc	6.00	under to the contract of the con-	6.00	4,65	10,65	78%	78%	56%	56%
Marathon	12.00		12.00	6.18	18.18	52%	52%	66%	66%
Marinette	3.00		3.00	0,27	3.27	9%	9%	92%	92%
Marquette	1.60		1.60	0,10	1.70	6%	- 6%	94%	94%
Milwaukee	90.00	25.50	115.50	-20.55	94.95	-23%	-18%	95%	122%
Monroe	4.00		4.00	3.76	7.76	94%	94%	52%	52%
Oconto	2.00		2.00	1.05	3.05	53%	53%	66%	66%
Oneida	2,50		2.50	1.86	4.36	74%	74%	57%	57%
Outagamie	11.00		11.00	6.42	17.42	58%	58%	63%	63%
Ozaukee	4.60		4.60	1,54	6.14	33%	33%	75%	75%
Pepin	0.80		0.80	-0.28	0.52	-35%	-35%	154%	154%
Pierce	3.00		3.00	0.73	3.73	24%	24%	80%	80%
Polk	4.00		4.00	0.73	4.73	18%	18%	85%	85%
Portage	6.00		6.00	0.74	6.74	12%	12%	89%	89%
Price	1,50		1,50	-0,30	1,20	-20%	-20%	125%	125%
Racine	20.00		20.00	9.37	29.37	47%	47%	68%	68%
Richland	1,80		1.80	0.02	1.82	1%	1%	99%	99%
Rock	15.00		15.00	0,52	15.52	3%	3%	97%	97%
Rusk	2.00		2.00	0.03	2.03	2%	2%	99%	99%
Saint Croix	7.00		7.00	2,75	9.75	39%	39%	72%	72%
Sauk	5.00		5.00	2.26	7.26	45%	45%	69%	69%
Sawyer	3.00		3.00	1.70	4.70	57%	57%	64%	64%
Shaw/Men	4.00		4.00	2.08	6.08	52%	52%	66%	66%
Sheboygan	9.00		9.00	3.37	12.37	37%	37%	73%	73%
Taylor	1.50		1,50	-0.10	1,40	-7%	<del>-</del> 7%	107%	107%
Trempealeau	2,00		2,00	0.82	2.82	41%	41%	71%	71%
Vernon	2,00		2,00	-0,01	1,99	-1%	-1%	101%	101%
Vilas	2.00		2.00	1.78	3.78	89%	89%	53%	53%
Walworth	6,00		6.00	3.22	9,22	54%	54%	65%	65%
Washburn	2.00		2.00	0.47	2.47	24%	24%	81%	81%
Washington	6.40		6.40	2.88	9.28	45%	45%	69%	69%
Waukesha	17.00	2,00	19.00	7,38	26.38	43%	39%	64%	72%
Waupaca	4.00	=:== : :	4,00	1.79	5.79	45%	45%	69%	69%
Waushara	2.60		2,60	0,88	3,48	34%	34%	75%	75%
Winnebago	12.00	and the second of the second of	12.00	3.25	15,25	27%	27%	79%	79%
Wood	6.00		6,00	3,53	9,53	59%	59%	63%	63%

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## OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

# Milwaukee County

## JOHN T. CHISHOLM · District Attorney

Chief Deputy Kent L. Lovern, Deputies Lovell Johnson, Jr., Jeffrey J. Altenburg, Karen A. Loebel, Elisabeth Mueller, Matthew J. Torbenson, Bruce J. Landgraf

August 5, 2021

Mr. Kasey Deiss, Director State Prosecutors Office Post Office Box 7869 Madison, WI 53707-7869

Re: Project Safe Neighborhoods; PR 10022; Request to Extend Two Project PR Positions

#### Dear Mr. Deiss:

On behalf of the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, I request that you take the necessary steps to seek legislative approval to renew position authority for two program 10022 Assistant District Attorneys. These grant funded positions are presently occupied by Assistant District Attorneys William Ackell and Michael Staskunas.<sup>1</sup> The present positions were originally authorized on July 21, 2020. The authorized term for these positions is July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. I am requesting a renewed term for these two positions for October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022.

Last April, the Wisconsin Department of Justice (WiDOJ) announced a grant opportunity in the total amount of \$174,282. These funds were secured for administration by WiDOJ through the federal Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) 2020 program. (The present positions are funded by the PSN 2019 grant.) Project Safe Neighborhoods is a nationwide commitment to reduce gun and gang crime in America by networking existing local programs that target gang and gun crime and by providing these programs with additional tools necessary to be successful. As in 2019, the 2020 grant announcement was geared toward reducing gang and violent crime in the Eastern District of Wisconsin. Consequently, WiDOJ solicited applications for such projects.

On April 26, 2021, Milwaukee County applied for a PSN (2020) grant award in the amount \$174,282 to reduce the level of firearm-related violence in Milwaukee through the continued funding of the two existing assistant district attorney positions. On June 22, 2021, the Wisconsin Department of Justice awarded Milwaukee County the full amount of the requested \$174,282. On behalf of Milwaukee County, County Executive David Crowley accepted the award on June 24, 2021. By its terms, the grant period runs from June 1, 2021 until September 30, 2023. It is identified as Grant Number 2020-PE-01-16591.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Project Safe Neighborhoods (2019) grantor is aware that the second position, occupied by Michael Staskunas, is a back-fill position. That is, grant services are actually provided by a senior prosecutor (ADA Ryan Michaels) while the grantor pays the compensation of Staskunas, a more junior, lower paid prosecutor.

Mr. Kasey Deiss August 5, 2021 Page 2

As reflected in the attached supporting documentation, \$116,000 of the award is allocated to personnel expenses for the prosecutors. The sum of \$52,200 is allocated for employee benefits. The total award for the two prosecutor positions is \$168,200.

The application and the award of PSN 2020 represents, effectively, a continuation of the PSN 2019 grant. PSN 2020, however, seeks to address a broader scope of the problems presented by firearms violence. Noted below, unlike PSN 2019, there are no geographic limitations in the 2020 grant

The PSN 2020 prosecutors will work closely with Victim Witness Advocates funded both by the county and by other DOJ grants for the purpose of enhancing victim relations and improving victim cooperation in criminal justice proceedings. The PSN 2020 ADAs will attend intelligence, investigative, and information-sharing meetings with MPD, state and federal partners, and violent crime reduction task forces, in order to help identify (1) gang and crew members who are involved in shootings and related offenses; and (2) shootings and related offenses which are perpetrated by gang and crew members.

The PSN 2020 ADAs will also assist law enforcement in investigations into shootings and related offenses and offenders, and they will review referrals and prosecute cases involving shootings and related offenses and offenders, and gang/crew members who are involved in gun violence. In this manner, PSN 2020 will transition resources from the work of the PSN 2019 ADAs, who focus on status offenses and whose scope is limited to six target neighborhoods, directly into violent offenses and offenders, without geographic limitation.

The goal of the PSN 2020 ADA program is the reduction of firearm and gang/crew related violence in the City of Milwaukee. The primary objectives are two-fold:

**Objective 1:** Increase capacity to support law enforcement investigations into non-fatal shootings and related offenses and offenders and into gang/crew related activity in the City of Milwaukee; and

**Objective 2:** Increase capacity to prosecute non-fatal shootings and related offenses and offenders and gang/crew members involved in that activity.

As reported in the 2020 Second Quarter Performance Monitoring reports filed with the DOJ for the PSN 2019 grant, PSN ADAs screened over one hundred (100) new firearms-related referrals, identifying forty-six (46) as PSN cases. The ADAs issued charges against twenty-four (24) defendants and participated in a prosecution in federal court. The PSN ADAs consulted with the United States Attorney's Office on four (4) referrals where federal prosecution appeared to be appropriate, and referred three (3) for federal prosecution. As noted, the PSN ADAs have worked on one federal prosecution, and have identified a second with which they will assist. Over the coming three months, the PSN program projects the PSN ADAs will:

- Screen at least 100 cases for eligibility under the PSN grant;
- Issue charges against / accept cases against at least 20 defendants;
- Become involved in at least 1 new on-going gang/crew investigation;
- Work on at least one prosecution in federal court; and
- Attend at least 5 shoot reviews, homicide incident reviews or meetings with the USAO grant partners, either virtually or in person.

Mr. Kasey Deiss August 5, 2021 Page 3

Continued authorization of these two prosecutor positions will yield benefits in the form of more successful prosecutions, fewer incidences of firearm-related violence, and ultimately, greater community safety.

For all these reasons, we request that the legislature approve two project positions to be utilized for the PSN prosecutors with a term of October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022. In further support of this request, I provide the following materials:

- 1. A copy of the fully executed award letter;
- 2. The approved grant budget;
- 3. The "Problem Description" section of the PSN 2020 grant application;
- 4. The "Project Narrative" section of the PSN 2020 grant application; and
- 5. The 2021-Q2 "Program Report; Additional Information" for PSN 2019.

The Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office appreciates the consideration that will be given to this request. In the event you have questions or if you require additional information, please feel free to contact me at 414-278-2178 or at <a href="mailto:Bruce.Landgraf@da.wi.gov">Bruce.Landgraf@da.wi.gov</a>.

Very truly yours,

Bruce J. Landgraf

Deputy District Attorney

BJL/bl

Enclosures



## STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Josh Kaul Attorney General

06/22/2021

Date

Room 114, East, State Capitol P.O. Box 7857 Madison, WI 53707-7857 (608) 266-1221 TTY 1-800-947-3529

## PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS GRANT AWARD Project Safe Neighborhoods Eastern District (2020) 2020-PE-01-16591

The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ), on behalf of the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, hereby awards to **Milwaukee County**, (hereinafter referred to as the **Grantee**), the amount of \$174,282 for programs or projects that initiate, support, and/or enhance law enforcement efforts to reduce gunrelated crime and violence.

This grant may be used until 9/30/2023 for the programs consistent with the budget and general conditions in Attachment A, subject to any limitations or conditions set forth in Attachments B and/or C, if included.

The Grantee shall administer the programs or projects for which this grant is awarded in accordance with the applicable rules, regulations, and conditions of the Wisconsin Department of Justice. The submitted application is hereby incorporated as reference into this award.

This grant shall become effective, and funds may be obligated (unless otherwise specified in Attachments A and/or B) when the Grantee signs and returns one copy of this grant award to the Wisconsin Department of Justice.

BY:

JOSHUA L. KAUL

Attorney General

Wisconsin Department of Justice

The (Grantee), Milwaukee County, hereby signifies its acceptanc conditions set forth above or incorporated by reference therein.	e of the above-described grant on the terms and
GRANTEE:	Milwaukee County
BY:	DØS
NAME:	David Crowley
TITLE:	County Executive
6/24/2021	
Date	

## WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ATTACHMENT A

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## **Award Conditions:**

- 1. All changes to the submitted budget require prior DOJ approval
- 2. Award funds will be used to supplement, not supplant, planned or allocated funds.
- 3. To be allowable under a grant program, all funds (federal and cash match) must be obligated (purchase order issued) or paid for services provided during the grant period. If obligated by the end of the grant period, payment must be made within 60 days of the grant period ending date.
- 4. Subgrantees acknowledge that failure to submit an acceptable Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (if required to submit one pursuant to 28 CFR 42.302) that is approved by the Federal Office of Civil Rights, is a violation of its Certified Assurances and may result in the suspension of the grant.
- 5. Grant funds will be paid to the grantee on a reimbursement basis.
- 6. Any changes in personnel involved with the grant including the project director, financial officer and/or signatory needs to be reported in a modification to DOJ via Egrants.
- 7. Fees for independent consultants may not exceed the federal rate of \$650 per eight-hour day, unless prior approval is received from DOJ.
- 8. The recipient agrees to cooperate with any assessments, national evaluation efforts, or information or data collection requests, including, but not limited to, the provision of any information required for the assessment or evaluation of any activities within this project.
- 9. Reimbursement for travel (i.e. mileage, meals, and lodging) is limited to state rates.
- 10. Recipient fully understands that DOJ has the right to suspend or terminate grant funds to any recipient that fails to conform to the requirements (special/general conditions and general operating policies) or that fails to comply with the terms and conditions of its grant award.
- 11. If the grant award budget contains wages, the grantee's records must be maintained in a form that, at any time, an auditor or DOJ representative would be able to identify the use of the Federal and Matching funds. These records should include information such as employee name, rate of pay, hours worked and amount of time dedicated to the grant project.
- 12. To be allowable under a grant program, costs must be obligated (purchase order issued) or paid for services provided during the grant period. If obligated by the end of the grant period, payment must be made within 30 days of the grant period ending date.

## PROJECT NARRATIVE - RELATED ATTACHMENTS:

File Name

File Description

## C PROBLEM DESCRIPTION

Describe the problem or issue this grant will serve to solve or diminish.

Detail the nature and scope of the problem the project will address. Local data should be used to provide evidence the problem exists, demonstrate the size and scope of the problem, and document the effects of the problem on the target population and the community.

#### RESPONSE:

#### Firearm Violence in Milwaukee

Milwaukee is a city with chronically high levels of firearms-related violence.[1]

Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) data compiled by the FBI, demonstrates that of Milwaukee consistently has had a significantly higher violent crime rate than the national average. (Please see Table I, in the attachment.) Each year from 2015 to 2019, Milwaukee's violent crime rate was approximately four times the national average. In 2015, the combined number firearm-related homicide and non-fatal shooting victims reached the highest level since 2006, representing a 61% increase over 2010; and the shooting victimization rate hit 106.1 per 100,000.[2]

Although the rate of violent crime fell in 2018 and 2019, it remained well above the national average; and Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) data demonstrates that gun violence continued (and continues) to have a significant impact on the community.

In 2016, there were 141 homicides and 499 non-fatal shooting incidents in in the City of Milwaukee.[6] 116 of the homicides (83.5%) were committed with a firearm; almost all of those, and most non-fatal shooting events, involved the use of a handgun.[7] In 2017, Milwaukee saw 118 homicides and 478 non-fatal shooting events.[8] (Please see Table II, in the attachment.) While the numbers dropped in 2018 and 2019, the number of both homicides and non-fatal shootings spiked enormously in 2020. Unfortunately the number of non-fatal shootings and homicides in 2021 are outpacing those from 2020; in fact, the number of non-fatal shootings has risen 78%.

MCDAO prosecution data is maintained in Protect, the record management system furnished and required by Wisconsin DA-IT. Because "non-fatal shooting" is not a legal term, but rather a descriptive phrase used to designate an incident in which a person is injured by gunfire, but not killed, non-fatal shooting events are not tracked in the Protect system. However, in late 2016, the Milwaukee County Chief Judge restructured felony court calendars to provide that all cases involving the felony-level discharge of a firearm (unless related to a homicide, sexual assault, or an act of domestic violence[10]) would be prosecuted in the felony Gun Court. A review of Protect data related to the prosecution team assigned to that court (the "Gun Unit"), therefore, gives insight into firearm-related violence, including both non-fatal shootings and cases where victims are targeted, but not struck.[11]

Protect data from 2017 through 2019 also demonstrates the increasing problem firearm-related violence poses in the community. In 2017, the Gun Unit received 440 separate referrals for prosecution; in 2018, 443 referrals. In 2019, the number increased to 412 referrals, involving 555 suspects; [12] in 2020, it jumped to 630 referrals, involving 778 suspects. In the first quarter of 2021, those numbers have exploded to 169 referrals, involving 195 suspects: this is an increase of 175% over the first quarter of 2020, and 200% over the first quarter in 2019.

Clearly, firearm-related violence has become a public health crisis in Milwaukee.

#### Gang Violence in Milwaukee

Although there is not universal definition, a gang generally is recognized to be an association of 3 or more (or 5 or more) persons with a common identifying sign, symbol, or name, the members of which—individually or collectively—engage in criminal activity, or which has as one of its primary purposes the commission of criminal activity.[13] Formal gangs tend to be organized and hierarchical and may operate across state lines. [14] A less formal gang, a "crew," is a more loosely-knit group, often based on a geographic area; crew members frequently have family or neighborhood ties to one another. Like more hierarchical gangs, crews frequently self-identify with names or symbols and are associated with a variety of street crimes, including drug, firearm offenses, and homicides.[15]

Every week, MPD commanders, special agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); officers from the North Central High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA); investigators, victim witness specialists and ADAs from the

MCDAO, and the director of the Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission, participate in a review of homicides and non-fatal shootings which occurred in Milwaukee over the previous 7 days. Participants review the circumstances of each event, share intelligence about the suspects, victims, and location, and discuss investigative steps and potential intervention points. Through that process and through the review of cases referred for prosecution, it has become apparent that—although traditional organized and hierarchical gangs still operate in Milwaukee—much of the firearm violence is conducted by less formal street crews.

It is difficult, if not impossible, to quantify the number of crews operating at any point: by definition, a crew is a loose association, not an organization. Anecdotally, however, information gathered at MPD's weekly Shoot Reviews reveals that a significant number of the homicides and non-fatal shootings in Milwaukee are committed by crew members; and that these shootings have a particularly high potential for retaliation and escalation of violence, and therefore, a particularly high impact on public safety.

### **Current Resources and Challenges**

## · Current Prosecution Resources

Currently, the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office has six prosecutors assigned to the Gun Unit to prosecute shooting non-fatal shooting offenses and offenders: four ADAs and two Assistant Attorney Generals from the Wisconsin Department of Justice. Staff from the Gun Unit attend MPD Shoot Reviews, and Gun Unit ADAs are on call 24 hours per day for MPD's Special Investigations Division, to provide legal advice or assistance with search warrants, electronic surveillance orders, and other court orders.

In addition, two ADAs funded by the PSN 2019 grant are assigned to the Gun Unit. Their responsibilities, however, differ from those of the Gun Unit ADAs in both geographic and offense scope: they are restricted to offenses which occur in one of the six target neighborhoods designated by MPD, and they are generally limited to cases involving referrals for Felon in Possession of a Firearm, under 941.29 Wis. Stat. Because those cases do not generally fall within the parameters of the Gun Court, the PSN ADAs typically prosecute cases in the five non-specialty felony courts in Milwaukee County. Funding for the PSN 2019 positions is expected to expire in the third quarter of 2021.

#### Developing a Violence Reduction Model

Recognizing that prevention and intervention strategies are central to the mission of creating safe neighborhoods, the MCDAO has had a long-standing commitment to a public health oriented approach to reducing firearm violence. There must be a credible consequence for individuals who harm others by the unlawful misuse of firearms, and experienced prosecutors and victim advocates are critical to that role. But experienced prosecutors and victim advocates can also provide crucial insight into the community dynamics that accelerate firearm violence. The MCDAO has therefore championed a VR-PHAST, the Violence Reduction Public Health and Safety Team, a model which brings together public health professionals, medical professionals, community partners and law enforcement agencies to develop a focused violence reduction strategy that looks beyond law enforcement driven suppression strategies. The VR-PHAST team is comprised of smaller groups or teams which collect information and data, and share that information with other members to enable the development immediate, evidence based responses and strategies to violence. (Please see Table III, in the attchment.)

#### Challenges

Several challenges exist to better addressing firearm and gang/crew violence in Milwaukee.

First, there has been substantial turnover in MPD's detective staff, due to retirements and re-assignments. This has resulted in the promotion of a significant number of new detectives, few of whom have particular experience in investigating non-fatal shootings. Second, because of the enormous increase in gun violence, investigations may now be handled by uniformed officers, who generally have less experience and training in regard to non-fatal shootings than detectives. Training and mentorship by experienced gun prosecutors could help those newer investigators, both generally and in specific investigations. To provide the requisite level of expertise, positions funded under this grant may be backfilled by less expensive personnel.

Second, current MCDAO resources are insufficient to address the spike in non-fatal shootings in Milwaukee.

The 200% increase in shooting-related referrals in 2021 necessitates increasing the number of ADAs who can handle those matters. While the PSN 2019 ADAs have been effective in developing a caseload involving the illegal possession of a gun, it is essential to expand prosecution capacity in cases where the gun is actually used: such offenses create a greater and more immediate risk to public health and community safety. Under Covid–19 protocols, the Gun Court schedules trials during one week per month;[16] and it is not unusual for the Gun Court to have between 12 and 15 cases set for trial, in each of those weeks. On May 3, 2021, the courts will add a second Violent Crimes trial court. This will at least double the number of shooting-related trials which the court may set and increases the urgency of providing additional prosecution support for those cases.

## Addressing the Challenges in a Collaborative Way

The 2O20 PSN proposal addresses the challenges in a collaborative way, by refocusing the two PSN 2019 prosecutors from handling status offenses to prosecuting shooting and related offenses and offenders, and to a partnership with VR-PHAST.

Under PSN 2020, the PSN ADAs will be assigned to and work out of the MCDAO Gun Unit, and will,

- 1. Attend intelligence, investigative, and information-sharing meetings with MPD, state, federal and other criminal justice partners, and violent crime reduction task forces;
- 2. Participate in VR-PHAST; liaison with VR-PHAST partners; assist with information sharing and the development and implementation of violence reduction strategies;
- 3. Provide support for law enforcement investigations into shootings and related offenses and offenders;
- 4. Review referrals and prosecute cases involving shootings and other firearm offenses and offenders, and gang/crew members who are involved in gun violence; and
- 5. Provide mentorship and coordinate training for law enforcement officers.

In this manner, the program seeks to improve investigative and prosecution outcomes, in order to reduce firearm and gang/crew related violence and improve community safety.

- [1] Data in this application primarily is drawn from four sources: (1) FBI UCR data; (2) Homicide Review Commission Annual reports, which analyze City of Milwaukee homicide and non-fatal shooting data, the most recent of which was produced in 2017, reviewing 2016 data; (3) Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) data, from 2016 through 2021; and (4) MCDAO Protect data, from 2017 forward. Because of a restructuring of the courts which occurred in late 2016, Protect data from 2016 and before cannot be readily compared to later years' data.
- [2] Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission *Annual Report 2015: Homicides and Non-Fatal Shootings*, pp. 14, 13. <a href="https://city.milwaukee.gov/ImageLibrary/Groups/cityHRC/reports/2015AnnualReportFINAL.pdf">https://city.milwaukee.gov/ImageLibrary/Groups/cityHRC/reports/2015AnnualReportFINAL.pdf</a>
- [3] The rape figures in this table are an aggregate total of the data submitted using both the revised and legacy UCR definitions. Rates for the two classifications are figured separately, so no aggregate is reported here.
- [4] Source for population and reported number data: FBI UCR data.
- 2015 reported number data: <a href="https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2015/crime-in-the-u.s.-2015/tables/table-6">https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2015/crime-in-the-u.s.-2015/tables/table-6</a>
- 2016 reported number data: https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2016/crime-in-the-u.s.-2016/tables/table-4
- 2017 reported number data: https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2017/crime-in-the-u.s.-2017/tables/table-6
- 2018 reported number data: <a href="https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2018/crime-in-the-u.s.-2018/topic-pages/tables/table-6">https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2018/crime-in-the-u.s.-2018/topic-pages/tables/table-6</a>
- 2019 reported number data: https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2019/crime-in-the-u.s.-2019/topic-pages/tables/table-6

National rates: https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2019/crime-in-the-u.s.-2019/topic-pages/tables/table-1

- [5] Rate is rate per 100,000 inhabitants
- [6] Milwaukce Police Department, Intelligence Fusion Center, Daily Crime Bulletin, 12/31/2016
- [7] 92% of firearm-related homicides and 87% of non-fatal shooting events involved handguns. Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission *Annual Report 2015: Homicides and Non-Fatal Shootings*, p. 19.

https://www.wpr.org/sites/default/files/2016%20MHRC%20Annual%20Report%209-29-2017%20FINAL.pdf.

- [8] Milwaukee Police Department, Intelligence Fusion Center, Daily Crime Bulletin, dated 12/31/2017.
- [9] Milwaukee Police Department Intelligence Fusion Center Daily Crime Bulletin, dated 12/31/2015; 12/31/2016; 12/31/2017; email from MPD Office of Management, Analysis, and Planning (OMAP) to John Chisholm, dated 01/01/2021; email from DA Chisholm dated 01/13/2021, reflecting MPD's revision of the number of homicides in 2020 from 189 to 190. The 2020 rate uses 2019 population, as an estimate, because 2020 census data is not currently available.
- [10] Those cases, because of the need for specialized victim services, are handled by ADAs assigned to the respective specialty unit.
- [11] Non-fatal shooting events are a subset of the cases which are assigned to the Gun Court. That calendar also includes felony level discharge where no one is struck by the gunfire, and secondary cases of offenders who are being prosecuted in that court (such as a witness intimidation charge for a defendant who is charged in Gun Court with a felony shooting).
- [12] Protect data is current as of April 23, 2021.
- [13] Office of National Drug Control Policy, A-Z PMP Definitions and Key Terms, October 24, 2017; Metropolitan Police Department, Understanding and Avoiding Gangs, <a href="https://mpdc.dc.gov/page/understanding-and-avoiding-gangs">https://mpdc.dc.gov/page/understanding-and-avoiding-gangs</a>, accessed 02/20/2020; Wis. Stat. § 939.22(9).
- [14] Metropolitan Police Department, *Understanding and Avoiding Gangs*, <a href="https://mpdc.dc.gov/page/understanding-and-avoiding-gangs">https://mpdc.dc.gov/page/understanding-and-avoiding-gangs</a>; accessed 02/20/2020.

[15] *Id*.

[16] One "Violent Crimes Trial Court" has been established for the four Violent Crimes teams; judges from the Gun Court, HIDTA court, and two felony Drug Courts are assigned a week, in turn, in which to set cases for trial.

#### PROBLEM DESCRIPTION - RELATED ATTACHMENTS:

File Name

**File Description** 

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Data Tables

### D IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Please describe the project's implementation plan. Please list the tasks and strategies that will be completed in order to meet the project's goals and objectives.

#### RESPONSE:

The PSN 2020 ADA program will address the issues of firearm and criminal gang/crew activity through the

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## **B PROJECT NARRATIVE**

Describe your program or project in detail, including what objectives would be accomplished. Include appropriate statistics, if applicable. Relate any potential benefits including cost savings, decrease in crime activity, or other relevant details.

## RESPONSE:

The Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office (MCDAO) seeks funding to help reduce the level of firearm-related violence through the creation of PSN assistant district attorney positions (PSN 2020 ADAs).

The City of Milwaukee has consistently experienced a reported violent crime rate in excess of the national average. That rate fell in both 2017 and 2018, and the number of reported homicides and non-fatal shootings in the City of Milwaukee dropped in 2019. However, the number of homicides and non-fatal shootings increased dramatically in 2020, and the numbers are on pace to far outpace those levels in 2021.

The MCDAO seeks to address the increase in violence by developing two PSN 2020 ADA positions, which will focus on felony level gun offenses and offenders, and gang/crew identification and enforcement. Specifically, the program will provide for continued funding for two expiring PSN 2019 ADA positions, changing the focus of those positions from status offenses to non-fatal shootings and related offenses and offenders. This will build on, and complement, resources developed through PSN 2018, Operation Legend, PSN 2019.

Milwaukee County currently receives funding from three grants to help address gun-violence in the city.

- 1. PSN 2018 funds a community victim witness specialist, who is embedded with the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) officers and detectives who investigate non-fatal shootings and other felony level firearm offenses; she addresses immediate needs of victims soon after the event, continues to provide necessary support through investigation and prosecution, helps coordinate services with outside agencies (such as the City of Milwaukee's Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) violence interrupters), and helps coordinate referrals for witness intimidation. Her work is limited to offenses where the offense occurred in, or the recipient of services lives in, one of six target neighborhoods designated by MPD as experiencing a particularly high rate of firearm-related violence.
- 2. A second community victim witness specialist, funded by Operation Legend, will complement the CVW. The new position—authorized and funded, but not yet deployed—will also be embedded with MPD. The OLVW similarly will provide continuity of victim-services, focusing on victims of firearm-related and other violent crime throughout the City of Milwaukee.
- 3. PSN 2019 funds two ADAs who are cross designated as Special Assistant United States' Attorneys (SAUSAs) in the Eastern District of Wisconsin. The PSN 2019 ADAs focus on identifying and prosecuting gang/crew offenses and offenders and suspects who are referred for stand-alone Felon in Possession of a Firearm (FIPOF) charges which occur in the six target neighborhoods. Funding for the two positions is expected to expire in the 3rd quarter of 2021.

The PSN 2020 ADAs will work with, and be supported by, the CVW and the OLVW, as well as a non-grant funded victim witness specialist assigned to the Gun Unit. The PSN 2020 ADAs will attend intelligence, investigative, and information-sharing meetings with MPD, state and federal partners, and violent crime reduction task forces, in order to help identify (1) gang and crew members who are involved in shootings and related offenses; and (2) shootings and related offenses which are perpetrated by gang and crew members. The PSN 2020 ADAs will assist law enforcement in investigations into shootings and related offenses and offenders, and they will review referrals and prosecute cases involving shootings and related offenses and offenders, and gang/crew members who are involved in gun violence. In this manner, PSN 2020 will transition resources from the work of the PSN 2019 ADAs, who focus on status offenses and whose scope is limited to six target neighborhoods, directly into violent offenses and offenders, without geographic limitation.

## Goal of the Program

The goal of the PSN 2020 ADA program is the reduction of firearm and gang/crew related violence in the City of Milwaukee. The primary objectives are two-fold:

**Objective 1:** Increase capacity to support law enforcement investigations into non-fatal shootings and related offenses and offenders and into gang/crew related activity in the City of Milwaukee; and

**Objective 2:** Increase capacity to prosecute non-fatal shootings and related offenses and offenders and gang/crew members involved in that activity.

The potential benefits include more successful investigations and prosecutions; fewer incidences of firearm-related violence, and, ultimately, greater community safety.

Grant ID 15810

Project Safe Neighborhoods Eastern District 2019

Period: 4/1/2021 to 6/30/2021

Program Report / Additional Information

1) What goals were accomplished, as they relate to your grant application? \*

The goal of the grant, to reduce the level of firearms-related and gang/crew related violence in the City of Milwaukee, is on-going. While that goal not been accomplished, progress has been made on each of the three objectives of the grant.

Objective 1: Increase support of law enforcement investigations into firearm related violence and offenders and into gang/crew related activity. In furtherance of this objective, the two PSN ADAs participated in firearms-related and gang/crew investigations, reviewed applications for search warrants and other investigative court orders, participated in meetings with law enforcement partners, and reviewed suspects for criminal charges.

Objective 2: Increase the capacity of prosecution of firearms related violence and firearm offenders through expanded resources. In furtherance of this objective, the PSN ADAs screened over 100 new firearms-related referrals, identifying 46 as PSN cases. The ADAs issued charges against 24 defendants and participated in a prosecution in federal court..

Objective 3: Improve coordination of referrals for prosecution and between state and federal prosecutors' offices. In furtherance of this objective, the PSN ADAs consulted with the USAO on 4 referrals where federal prosecution appeared to be appropriate, and referred 3 for federal prosecution. The PSN ADAs have worked on one federal prosecution, and have identified a second with which they will assist.

2) What problems/barriers did you encounter, if any, within the reporting period, that prevented you from reaching your goals or milestones?\*

No barriers or obstacles prevented progress toward the on-going goal of the grant; however, the pandemic has complicated work under the grant: (1) court operations (including the ability to bring people into the court system for their first appearances and the ability to conduct jury trials) have been severely reduced, particularly in federal court; (2) information sharing has been complicated by the reduced ability to have in-person contact; and (3) individual members of partner agencies have become ill or have been required to quarantine / self-isolate.

3) Describe any changes in the project implementation and/or methodology during the reporting period which differ from the project proposal at the time of submission of the grant application. \*

None

4) Please provide projected project plans for the next reporting period, including any specific initiatives, accomplishments or outcomes expected.\*

In the next reporting period, it is anticipated that the PSN ADAs will,

- Screen at least 100 cases for eligibility under the PSN grant;
- Issue charges against / accept cases against at least 20 defendants;
- Become involved in at least 1 new on-going gang/crew investigation;
- Work on at least one prosecution in federal court; and

- Attend at least 5 shoot reviews, homicide incident reviews or meetings with the USAO grant partners, either virtually or in person.
- 5) Are you on track to fiscally and programmatically complete your program as outlined in your grant application? \*

Yes

6) If you responded "No" please explain.